

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 968) to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 968) was deemed read the third time and passed.

EXTENDING THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION AND THE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REVIEW COMMISSION

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1001, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1001) to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1001) was deemed read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1997

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 1. I further ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate then immediately begin consideration of S. 543, the Volunteer Protection Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow morning the Senate will begin consideration of the bill, S. 543, the Volunteer Protection Act. It is the understanding of the majority leader that there are a few amendments which are expected to be offered to this bill. Therefore, Senators can anticipate votes throughout Thursday's session of the Senate.

Mr. President, it is the hope of the majority leader that the Senate will be able to complete action on this important legislation tomorrow. Also, there is the possibility that the Senate could consider items on the Executive Calendar. Therefore, additional votes could occur other than votes on the Volunteer Protection Act during tomorrow's session.

In addition, if the Appropriations Committee completes action on the supplemental appropriations bill tomorrow, it is the intention of the majority leader that the Senate proceed to consideration of the supplemental on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:42 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 1, 1997, at 10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate April 30, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

ALEXIS M. HERMAN, OF ALABAMA, TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.